

The President's Daily Brief

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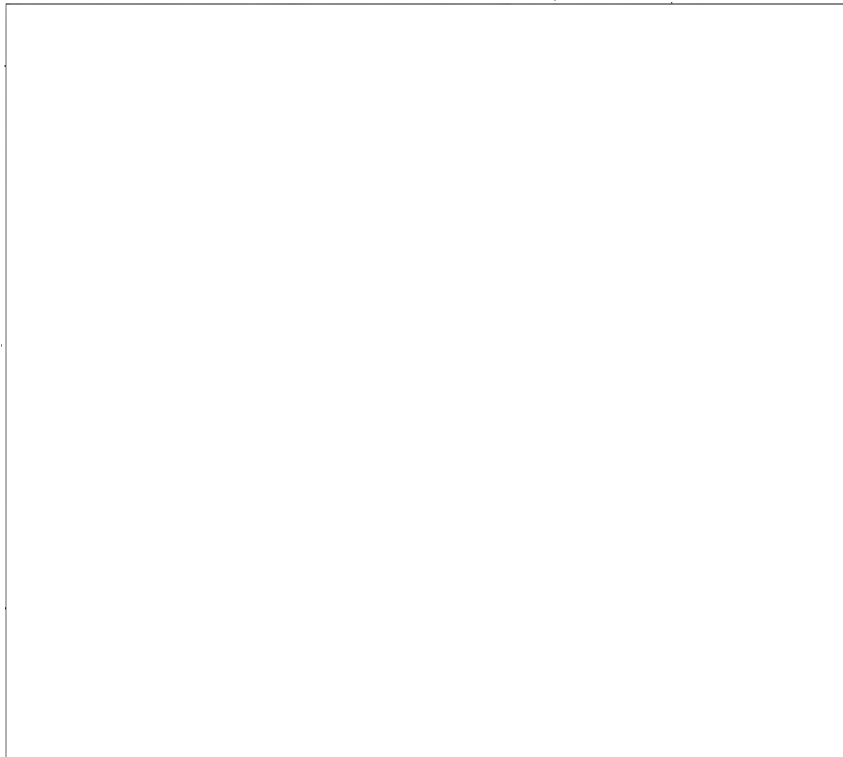


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1. Vietnam



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2. North Vietnam



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3. Communist China



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Peking is urgently seeking wheat supplies. The need for food imports is greater than at any time since 1962.

The Chinese have already contracted for the maximum amount allowable annually under the terms of its three-year agreement with Canada. In addition, Argentina has been asked to sell to China any amount it can spare.

Even with these imports, food rations for the Chinese will decline. In at least one province, authorities expect that planned food distribution "will encounter resistance."

5. Soviet Union

The central committee of the Soviet party has been convened for a review of policy, particularly the sharpening political offensive against China. The Soviet leadership probably intends to produce a display of domestic unanimity on the China question to add impetus to its push for an international Communist conference.

6. Togo

The army has decided to press President Grunitzky into a major shakeup of the government and the suppression of normal political activity.

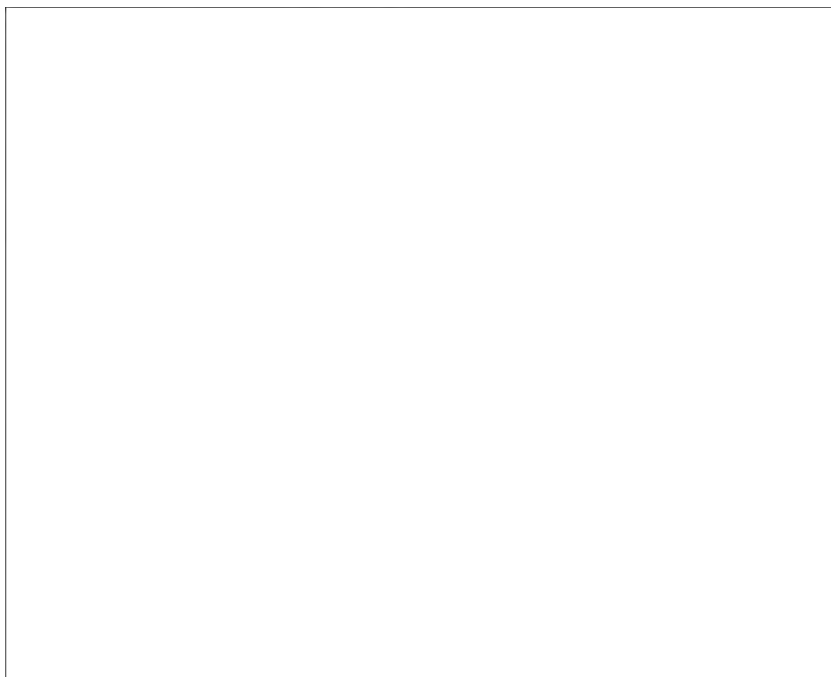
Vice President Meatchi, whose office would be abolished by the shakeup, is planning a "revolution" in retaliation and has requested US assistance. Our chargé has pointed out to a representative of Meatchi that the US cannot become involved.

This hassle seems to be mainly a conflict among personalities without any clear ideological implications. In any event, Grunitzky's position is becoming no stronger.

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7. Jordan

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